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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Status Of Claims

Claims 1-3 and 9-10 are herein canceled without prejudice to filing divisional or continuation applications. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 4-7 and 17-27 and the indication that Claims 9 and 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended the limitations of Claims 9 into independent Claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 8 and Claims 11-16, which depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance and the objection to these claims is requested to be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by Ballantyne (US Patent No. 6,983,024). Applicants have amended the limitations of Claim 9 into independent Claim 8. As the Examiner indicated in the Office Action, such an amendment renders Claim 8 allowable. Applicants have herein canceled Claims 9 and 10 thereby rendering their rejection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) be withdrawn.

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35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

On pages 3-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballantyne in view of Hornak (US Patent No. 5,365,187). Claims 11-13 depend from amended independent Claim 8. The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that Claim 8, as amended, is now allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 11-13 which depend therefrom are likewise allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 11-13 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballantyne in view of Hornak be withdrawn.

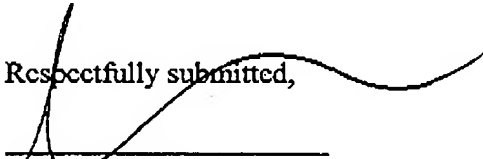
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However if any such fees are due, please change any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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